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Ravalli County

Located in midwestern Montana, Ravalli County is Montana's eighth most populous with 25,010 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Hamilton, the county seat, is the state's 28th largest city with a population of 2,901. According to the 1990 Census, more than 16 percent of workers living in Ravalli County commute to Missoula County to work. The county is home to the Bitterroot Valley, a passageway for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. It was also a former home to the Flathead Indians who invited missionaries to build St. Mary's Mission in 1841. Hamilton was settled around 1887 when Marcus Daly, a mining tycoon, established a lumber mill in the area.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and named for Jesuit Missionary Father Anthony Ravalli who located to the region in 1845. Hamilton replaced Stevensville as the county seat in 1898, according to the authors, and most likely is named after early pioneer J. W. Hamilton.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Ravalli County households in 1989 was $21,113. The county is 2,400.4 square miles in area; 2,394.3 square miles in land area and 6.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Missoula Weather Service*, the average daily low in Hamilton in January between 1961 and 2000 was 17.6 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 13.2 inches. The average daily high in July was 83.7 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.3 inches and the growing season was from May 14 to Sept. 20.

Ravalli County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	7/1/99 Estimate	7/1/98 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '90 to '99	% Change '90 to '98
Montana	902,195	882,779	879,533	799,065	12.9%	10.5%	10.1%
Ravalli County	NA	35,811	35,114	25,010	NA	43.2%	40.4%
Darby	NA	1,089	1,055	708	NA	53.8%	49.0%
Hamilton	NA	4,829	4,671	2,901	NA	66.5%	61.0%
Pinesdale	NA	1,052	1,032	668	NA	57.5%	54.5%
Stevensville	NA	2,187	2,141	1,284	NA	70.3%	66.7%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.
NA=Not available. Updated numbers available in April 2001.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Ravalli County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	5,470	5,101	369	6.7%
1971	5,568	5,188	380	6.8%
1972	5,934	5,544	390	6.6%
1973	6,128	5,747	381	6.2%
1974	6,646	6,150	496	7.5%
1975	6,407	5,738	669	10.4%
1976	6,830	6,162	668	9.8%
1977	7,391	6,671	720	9.7%
1978	7,773	7,117	656	8.4%
1979	7,921	7,317	604	7.6%
1980	7,901	7,087	814	10.3%
1981	8,418	7,480	938	11.1%
1982	8,800	7,513	1,287	14.6%
1983	8,708	7,547	1,161	13.3%
1984	10,889	9,744	1,145	10.5%
1985	11,048	9,914	1,134	10.3%
1986	11,036	9,929	1,107	10.0%
1987	11,323	10,286	1,037	9.2%
1988	12,690	11,541	1,149	9.1%
1989	11,762	10,680	1,082	9.2%
1990	11,724	10,741	983	8.4%
1991	12,251	10,923	1,328	10.8%
1992	13,232	12,002	1,230	9.3%
1993	13,929	12,720	1,209	8.7%
1994	14,535	13,695	840	5.8%
1995	15,112	14,160	952	6.3%
1996	15,973	15,007	966	6.0%
1997	16,502	15,449	1,053	6.4%
1998	17,074	15,863	1,211	7.1%
1999	17,557	16,488	1,069	6.1%

Source. Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2000 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	10,763	6,120	4,643
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	2,254	1,157	1,097
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	889	548	341
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,365	609	756
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	2,779	953	1,826
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	265	138	127
Sales Occupations	1,170	524	646
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,344	291	1,053
Service Occupations	1,524	436	1,088
Private Household Occupations	76	0	76
Protective Service Occupations	132	95	37
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,316	341	975
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,047	837	210
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	1,288	1,182	106
Mechanics and Repairers	411	405	6
Construction Trade	614	567	47
Extractive Occupations	16	16	0
Precision Production Occupations	247	194	53
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	1,805	1,528	277
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	749	579	170
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	654	592	62
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	402	357	45
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	66	27	39

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Bitterroot Valley Chamber, 105 E. Main, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Bitterroot Job Service
333 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-1822,
http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/hamilton/

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications
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⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors, 206 E. Ravalli, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2945

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at **http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/**.
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⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Stevensville–102 Main St., Suite A, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-4388

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Ravalli Republic, 232 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3300,
http://www.ravallinews.com/
The Bitterroot Star, 215 Main, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3928,
http://www.bitterrootstar.com

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Darby Public Library, 102 S. Main St., Darby, MT 59829-0037, 406-821-4771
Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State St., Hamilton, MT 59840-2759, 406-363-1670
North Valley Public Library, 208 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870-2111, 406-777-5061

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Corvallis K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 700, Corvallis, MT 59828, 406-961-4211
Darby K-12 Schools, 209 School Drive, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3841
Florence-Carlton K-12 Schools, 5602 Old Highway 93, Florence, MT 59833, 406-273-6751
Hamilton K-12 Schools, 217 Daly Ave., Hamilton, MT 59840-0980, 406-363-2280
Lone Rock Elementary, 1112 Three Mile Creek Road, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3314
Stevensville Public Schools, 300 Park St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5481
Victor K-12 Schools, 425 4th Ave., Victor, MT 59875, 406-642-3551

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Ravalli Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 1999

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,233	8,895	$188,463,264
PRIVATE BUSINESS	1,168	7,154	$144,164,235
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	51	275	$4,608,142
Agri Production/Crops	4	80	$1,647,439
Agri Production/Livestock	10	29	$526,934
Agriculture Services	28	108	$1,781,091
Forestry	7	29	$433,105
CONSTRUCTION	207	598	$13,661,596
General Building	86	219	$5,163,202
Special Trade	115	330	$6,421,518
MANUFACTURING	106	1,079	$30,957,504
Food Products	5	27	$280,838
Apparel	3	8	$122,254
Lumber	53	681	$22,428,623
Printing-Publishing	10	77	$1,114,574
Stone-Clay-Glass	3	38	$1,102,267
Fabricated Metal	7	154	$4,147,398
Nonelectrical Machinery**	4	12	$290,578
Instruments	4	9	$141,594
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	6	17	$343,404
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	63	339	$7,809,064
Local Transportation	6	44	$296,595
Trucking-Warehousing	25	134	$3,074,477
Air Transportation	4	10	$131,583
Transport Services	11	58	$890,676
Communication	8	26	$892,133
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	8	65	$2,523,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	57	369	$11,027,326
Durable Goods	38	238	$8,749,380
Nondurable Goods	19	131	$2,277,946
RETAIL TRADE	235	2,038	$26,555,474
Bldg Materials-Garden	24	161	$2,864,201
Food Stores	26	593	$8,808,584
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	27	220	$4,644,372
Apparel & Accessories	7	35	$417,995
Furniture Stores	18	62	$1,349,959
Eating & Drinking	76	655	$5,126,905
Miscellaneous Retail	51	197	$2,217,616
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	94	444	$10,299,101
Banking	10	232	$5,677,030
Credit Agencies	9	9	$322,107
Security & Commodity	6	13	$920,525
Insurance Carriers	5	26	$602,327
Insurance Agents	16	44	$975,601
Real Estate	46	115	$1,789,618
SERVICES	349	2,005	$39,157,648
Hotels & Lodging	17	118	$1,480,811
Personal Services	17	50	$708,368
Business Services	53	109	$2,327,362
Auto Repair Services	25	96	$2,030,352
Miscellaneous Repair Services	19	35	$637,739
Motion Pictures	4	19	$67,851
Amusement & Recreation	28	145	$1,581,421
Health Services	48	692	$16,831,979
Legal Services	16	30	$710,268
Educational Services	6	36	$758,423
Social Services	21	122	$1,674,658
Membership Organizations	27	135	$1,197,965
Engineering Services	42	175	$6,689,970
Private Households	16	34	$413,271
GOVERNMENT	64	1,740	$44,299,029
State	10	70	$1,897,453
Local	33	1,195	$25,722,216
Federal	21	474	$16,679,360

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)
*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.
**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Montana	$3,625	$9,143	$15,524	$16,509	$17,114	$18,072	$18,129	$18,764	$19,383	$20,167	$21,324
% of National Average	89%	90%	79%	82%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Ravalli County	$3,029	$7,507	$13,653	$14,331	$15,051	$15,580	$15,732	$15,870	$16,260	$16,923	$17,737
% of National Average	74%	74%	70%	71%	71%	72%	70%	67%	66%	65%	65%

Source U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System Released May 2000.

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1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	2,787	1,325	12	5	30	13	11	7	66	34	11	5
12-14	1,159	562	4	0	21	12	6	3	15	8	3	3
15-17	1,119	515	2	0	23	15	8	7	29	9	13	3
18-21	947	430	7	2	36	15	5	2	41	15	12	1
Total	6,012	2,832	25	7	110	55	30	19	151	66	39	12

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	18,633	9,534	17	5	198	108	48	32	240	128	63	25
16-64	14,514	7,294	15	3	179	97	43	29	214	110	58	22
18+	17,867	9,204	15	5	185	101	41	26	217	120	51	22
18-64	13,748	6,964	13	3	166	90	36	23	191	102	46	19

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	1,596	821	3	1	28	17	6	4	42	19	9	4
5-17	5,065	2,402	18	5	74	40	25	17	110	51	27	11
18-44	8,293	4,264	11	3	119	66	28	17	137	75	34	14
45-64	5,455	2,700	2	0	47	24	8	6	54	27	12	5
62+	4,897	2,639	2	2	22	13	5	3	29	19	6	3
65+	4,119	2,240	2	2	19	11	5	3	26	18	5	3
Total	24,528	12,427	36	11	287	158	72	47	369	190	87	37

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Ravalli County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Ravalli County	County of Work	# Who Live in Ravalli County
Out of State	23	Out of State	169
Deer Lodge County	14	Cascade County	11
Flathead County	17	Flathead County	20
Missoula County	263	Lake County	13
Ravalli County	7,933	Lewis & Clark County	11
Yellowstone County	10	Missoula County	1,604
Other Montana Counties	30	Ravalli County	7,933
		Other Montana Counties	52

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.